

CABMAN SLAIN IN FIGHT OVER BROOKLYN FARE

A Tenderloin Nighthawk
Dies in Hospital After
Mysterious Shooting.

Following the death from three bullet wounds of William McCauley, a cabman, at Cumberland Street Hospital, Brooklyn, the police are to-day looking for a well-dressed woman and her companion, a man, who is believed to have fired the fatal shots while quarrelling with McCauley about the fare.

McCauley was shot some time last Monday morning. At the time of the shooting, it was stated, there is a strong suspicion that the shooting occurred within a few blocks of the Classon avenue police station.

The cabman's statement to Coroner Brewer was unsatisfactory. It appeared that he was trying to conceal something. He stated that he did not know where he was shot, although his description of his fare and his account of his movements through the Tenderloin district was given clearly.

Shot While on Box.
The Coroner and detectives say McCauley was shot while sitting on his box seat, which was evidently his assailant standing on the sidewalk beside the cab. The shots were fired from below and at such close range the cabman's clothing was burned. All three bullets entered his left side. Two pierced his overcoat, coat and vest, while the third was fired so low it entered at the gap between the bottom of McCauley's vest and the top of his trousers.

This discovery, together with McCauley's statement, has cleared from suspicion the two women at whose house McCauley was found wounded. They are Mrs. Lena Jackson, of No. 231 Classon avenue, and her friend, Mrs. Agnes Hight. They called at the Classon Avenue Station last Monday afternoon and said they thought McCauley was badly hurt. They said he had called on them at 8 o'clock in the morning and that, believing he was intoxicated, they had allowed him to sleep on a sofa. After going out shopping, they returned to find him unconscious. They were held as witnesses. Both had known him for several years.

At first McCauley refused to make a statement. He told the police he was shot "somewhere in the Tenderloin." Yesterday, however, Coroner Brewer obtained a much more satisfactory account. McCauley said he had a cab stand at Forty-fifth street and Broadway and that shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning he drove a man from there to the Astor House.

Got Fares at Bridge.
Being far downtown then, he waited at the Park Row end of the Brooklyn Bridge for fares. At a little after 2 o'clock a well-dressed man and a woman asked him to drive them about Brooklyn. He said they did not name any particular place to which they wished to go. He drove them over the bridge and up Fulton street to Lafayette avenue.

When they reached South Elliott place, he said, the man told him to stop and invited him to come into a saloon. All three went in and had several drinks. The cabman said he took only beer himself.

McCauley said he did not know how long they stayed there, but that after some time he drove them about the neighborhood and finally stopped at a saloon on De Kalb and Classon avenues. This place is diagonally across the

FUNERAL HALTED BY SPIE LETTER

Anonymous Note to Coroner
Hinted at Mystery in the
Death of Mrs. Byrnes.

What appears on its face to be a piece of spirit work is an anonymous letter sent to the Coroner's Office, which held up the burial of Margaret, wife of P. J. Byrnes, a well-to-do contractor, of No. 18 Fourth avenue. Mr. Byrnes was formerly a Republican politician, but later entered the Tammany organization and has an influential following.

The letter stated that Mrs. Byrnes had been severely beaten by a woman relative several months ago and that her death was in part due to the injuries she then received.

The funeral of Mrs. Byrnes was to have taken place today. At 10 A. M. there were to have been held at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Twenty-eighth street, The Mass and services were standing at the door of the house when a uniformed policeman called and served Undersecretary Sullivan with an order from the Coroner to delay the funeral.

Mr. Byrnes read the order and quietly told those who had gathered that there would be a delay until the Coroner could view the body, and word to this effect was also sent to the hundreds of friends waiting in St. Stephen's.

About 11 o'clock Deputy Coroner Lehane visited the Byrnes home. He had a copy of the anonymous letter, gave it to Mrs. Byrnes, and Dr. Sellings, of No. 101 East Thirty-first street, and Mrs. Kate Linde, of New Haven, Conn., a relative of Mrs. Byrnes, who had been with her when she died, and he allowed the funeral to proceed.

After the funeral, Mr. Byrnes, "was written to annoy me. The writer knew it would delay the funeral and cause me trouble," Mrs. Byrnes said. She is married to a man from whom he is now separated. All his troubles have been since this marriage.

MRS. KIP IN CAB ACCIDENT.

Ransom Ran Into Automobile, but
Escaped with Shaking Up.

Mrs. William V. R. Kip, of No. 445 Fifth avenue, narrowly escaped serious injury yesterday afternoon when an open hansom in which she was riding collided with the automobile of Mrs. Madison Rice, of No. 87 Madison avenue, which was standing in front of the Democratic Club, at Fifth avenue and Fifth street.

Mrs. Kip was thrown forward, but escaped shaking up. She was in a cab driven by James Gernsey, of No. 221 West 14th street. Mrs. Rice was male.

McCauley said that he had several more drinks, and that he did not remember when his passengers left him. The next he knew, he said, was that about 1 o'clock he was on his cab in Classon avenue and was feeling very weak. He said he did not know who the woman was who went to Mrs. Jackson's house to rest.

His description of the man and woman is that they were young, good looking and well dressed. He did not accuse the man of shooting him, but the police suspect that McCauley concealed the story of a fight over his charges.

McCauley said that he and Classon avenues is kept by Stephen H. Phillips, Edward Campbell, the bartender, told a Evening World reporter today that he was on duty early Monday morning and that no woman with a cabman and another man was in the place.

"No woman is allowed in here under any circumstances," he said, and I would remember if one tried to enter."

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Extraordinary Three-Day
Clearance of Pianos.

Now Comes the Piano Opportunity of the Year.



To-morrow and throughout the balance of this week we will place on sale our entire stock of used Pianos—some 180 instruments in the lot.

These instruments have been received during the holiday activity in exchange for new Pianos; they have been put in good condition after our thorough cleaning and are worth double these prices.

All Pianos bought during this sale may be exchanged any time within one year for a new instrument—all money paid on used Piano to apply on new purchase.

To facilitate matters we have grouped the lot under two special prices—\$95 and \$145.

Upright Pianos, \$95.

On Terms of \$5 Down and \$5 Monthly.

About 75 Pianos at this price, including

1 Needham. 1 Fischer. 1 Horace Waters. 1 Weiser. 1 Haines. 1 Chickering. 1 Bechtel. 1 Wissner. 1 Esch. 1 Stultz & Bauer. 1 Bradbury. 1 Wissner. 1 Schumann. 1 Gilbert. 1 Wheelock.

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A collection of more than 100 instruments at less than half value.

1 Steinway. 1 Behning. 1 Weser (with in- 1 Krammer. 1 Pease. 1 Wissner. 1 Esch. 1 Vose. 1 Jacob Dill. 1 Ester. 1 Kranich & Bach. 1 Connor. 1 New England. 1 Ivers & Pond. 1 Henry F. Miller. 1 Krakauer. 1 Waters. 1 Emerson. 1 Kurtzmann. 1 Shoninger. 1 Sterling. 1 Everard.

Our line of New Pianos includes the famous

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We have on hand just eight new and beautiful

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The greatest piano value in Greater New York.

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January 2d Is the Day We Start Our

Great Sale of White Goods

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR,
EMBROIDERIES, LACES,
WASH FABRICS,
TABLE AND BED LINENS,
MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS,
AND

Great January Clearances
in Every Department

Simpson Crawford Co.

SIXTH AVE., 19th TO 20th STREET, NEW YORK.

After-Christmas Clearance Sales

Undoubtedly one of the most important store occasions of the entire year; an event that thousands invariably take advantage of—for in almost every family there is a forgotten Christmas gift—and this sale helps you to supply that gift at a fractional cost.

One thing this Simpson Crawford Store insists upon—a perennial freshness to everything. New merchandise with the season; no laggards in any stock when its season is over. Hence, the reductions of a wonderfully radical nature on everything pertaining to Christmas.

There are always odd lots and broken lines to sell the few days following Christmas. Articles that become soiled or mused in handling; others used in decorating store and windows. These all go now—go at prices that are total strangers to the actual worth of them.

Our sole thought is a speedy readjustment of stocks—to be in readiness for great things to come—so take our word for it that

EVERYTHING WE BOUGHT ESPECIALLY FOR THE GIFT SEASON, WHICH DID NOT SELL,

MAY BE HAD NOW AT PRICES NOTHING SHORT OF RIDICULOUS.

HALF PRICE To-Morrow for Many of the Toys, Books, Games and Dolls

Every Toy, every Book, every Doll, every Game in this store that became soiled or mused in the Christmas rush will be placed on sale to-morrow at **Exactly Half** the marked prices before Christmas. Now you know as well as we what these things amount to. With a Toy or Game it means nothing; with a Doll it means a bit of washing for milady's linen; with a Book, a little elbow-work with an eraser; that's all.

Of course, we cannot put any of this merchandise into our regular stock—wholly out of the question. So choose at $\frac{1}{2}$ —that's the speediest way of exchanging ownership.

10,000 Soiled and Creased Handkerchiefs

In the After-Christmas Clear-Up.

Every one must go. Not a single Handkerchief used in decorating the windows or the various Handkerchief Booths throughout the store will be carried in stock. Hence these sensational prices. With them we shall include of course every handkerchief that became soiled or creased through Christmas handling; also broken lines and odd lots. Divided into six price lots:

4c, 7c, 10c, 15c, 19c and 39c

All Formerly Marked from 7c to \$1

More of the Smart COATS at \$10

Sold in Other Stores at \$15 to \$25.



Right out of this store on Monday—the day before Christmas—went more Women's Coats than were ever sold in New York in a single day. But the news was extraordinary—for think of buying Coats that actually sell in other stores at from \$15 to \$25 for \$10!

The size of our purchase is what has made this price possible—for we bought a thousand Coats; took all the maker had in his surplus stock—including his samples.

They come in lengths of from 48 to 52 inches; fashioned out of English Kersey, imported Broadcloth, Melton and All-Wool Cheviots—in all fashionable colorings, as well as black.

Two styles are illustrated, which supply just the merest hint of what is here for you. You haven't seen any such Coats in New York this season, have you? Well, there are a dozen other styles JUST AS GOOD.

Semi-fitting, tight-fitting and full loose models; handsomely trimmed and finished with braid applied in various becoming ways.

Plenty for To-Morrow.

After-Christmas Sale of Groceries

By maintaining the highest quality possible to obtain, and keeping prices at the lowest notch, this Grocery continues to grow in service and usefulness—and the patronage broadens by leaps and bounds. Are we serving you?—that's the question.

Extra Fancy—FLORIDA ORANGES, Sweet, Juice Fruit. 5-lb. bag. 10-lb. bag. 176 in box. 3.50 25c 26c 51c 80 fruit in box. 4.00 70c

Extra Fancy—Indian River FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT, Selected, juicy Fruit. 4 for 25c each. 7c

Finest quality dainty TINY TIM GHERKINS. 53c DRAKE'S POUND CAKE—Plain, Marble, Raisin, Citron, Molasses, Fruit, Nut, Lady Cake, 3 1/2 lbs., 50c. 15c

NEW MIXED NUTS. Best Quality. 5 1/2 lbs., \$1.00; 10-lb., 20c. Regular 16c, quality. 3 lbs., 10c. 15c

FANCY TINTED MALA-GA GRAPES. 2 lbs., 35c. 18c CRACKERS fresh from the oven. 10c. 15c

CRACKERS—Hungary & Poland's celebrated English Biscuits. Sugar Wafers; raspberry, coffee, lemon and vanilla. 2 lbs., for 18c. 15c

SEEDS RAISINS—Cilantro large selected 3 lb. carton. 1-lb. carton. 15c. 20c

PLUM PUDDING—Royal Stuart brand. Quality Old English plum pudding. 3-lb. can. 20c. 2-lb. can. 15c. 1-lb. can. 10c. 25c

FINEST LEMON CUPCAKES—Per doz. 25c. 15c

LEMON CLING PEACHES—Per doz. 25c. 15c

RECLEANED CURRANTS—Per doz. 15c. 10c

RAISINS—Per doz. 20c. 15c

Bloomingdale's

ALL CARS TRANSFER TO
Our Gigantic Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale
Commenced This Morning and Will Be Continued
Until Next Monday Evening.

Drastic measures so far as price cuts are concerned have been adopted to accomplish our purpose—an absolute clearance of stocks before January 1st. Every Department has made the Sharpest, Most Amazingly Decisive Price Cuts in the History of the Store.

Never have you heard of bargains of such magnitude as you will find at the great Bloomingdale store now.

In Wearing Apparel, the best sorts, for all humanity;
In everything needed for home use.

The following items will give you some idea of the extent to which the price-pruning knife has been used throughout the store.

Wonderful Clearance Sale of Furs.

Great Reductions—Greatest Bargains

We want to sell every piece of fur in stock before inventory; so prices have been reduced without hesitancy or regard for cost or value.

Here are opportunities to secure the very finest furs at unheard-of prices—in many instances for less than half value.

\$69.00—Russian Pony Skin Coats, Now \$34.00.

The newest popular models—pony blouse or box shape, 21 to 26 inches long, with military collar or collarless, trimmed with silk braid, handsome lining of tanned silk, and finish in the best possible manner. Some of the models have three-quarter and others full length sleeves.

BEAUTIFUL ELECTRIC SEAL COATS, 24 inches long, box shape, and refer effect. \$35 Value \$65 and \$70. Now \$17.50

FASHIONABLE CARACUL COATS, 24 inches long, military collar, trimmed with silk braid. Value \$100. Now \$55 & \$69

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On Solid Gold and Diamond Jewelry up from \$25. On Fine Art Wares, such as Bronzes, Ivory Carvings, Miniatures, etc.

On Imported Leather Goods, English Club Bag Dress Suits, Cases, etc.

On Fine Umbrellas, mounted with gold, pearl and sterling silver mountings, up from \$7.50.

On Fine Razor Sets up from \$8.

On Imported Clocks, Clock Sets and Candelabras, up from \$15.

On Fine Imported Musical Instruments, Violins, Guitars, Mandolins, etc., up from \$5.

On Gunmetal Novelties, such as Match Sales, Cigarette Cases, Lorgnette Chains and other novelties.

On Fine Imported Gold Plated Cigarette Bags.

On Imported and Domestic Mounted Combs and Shell Goods up from \$4.

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25 Per Cent. Discount on Diamonds.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Bloomingdale Jewelry Store is famous for selling high-class diamonds at all times for 25 to 33 per cent. less than anybody else, we make an additional discount of 25 per cent. to meet the requirements of this pre-inventory sale.

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Every piece of silverware in our mammoth stock selling for two dollars or more is affected by this order. Included are:

Sterling Silver Forks, Coffee, Table, Dessert Spoons, Teas and Knives.

Sterling Silver Bonbon and Bread Trays.

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The Bloomingdale collection of art wares was particularly praiseworthy this year and the pre-Christmas selling was tremendous. Among the remaining pieces are some rare and very beautiful objects.

Included are Bronze Paper-Cutters, Bronze Trays, Bronze Seals, carved Ivory Statuary, hand-painted Miniatures on Ivory, Limoges and enamel; Dutch silver Toys, Vienna Miniatures, &c. Regardless of the original low prices, all are reduced 25 per cent.

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At \$5.85 Men's Fashionable 12 Size Thin Model Watches, polished, open face, gold-filled cases, fully guaranteed by manufacturers and ourselves for twenty years, fitted with seven-jeweled American movements.

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